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# News Release

## **CAREER CRIMINAL ALIEN SENTENCED TO 115 MONTHS IN PRISON**

*Mexican national had produced fraudulent documents, and used 10 different aliases*

DETROIT — A career criminal alien from Mexico was sentenced here today to 115 months in federal prison and deportation for manufacturing fraudulent documents and re-entering the U.S. after having been previously deported. Today's sentence was announced by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Special Agent-in-Charge Brian M. Moskowitz, and Social Security Administration (SSA), Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Resident Agent-in-Charge John Keenan.

Felipe Molina-Marquez, 45, a citizen of Mexico, was apprehended by ICE special agents at his residence on an Outstanding Warrant of Arrest for Gerardo Hernandez in February 2005. ICE agents conducted database checks and determined that Hernandez was in fact Felipe Molina-Marquez, who was first deported to Mexico in December 1995. At the time of his arrest, Marquez possessed fraudulent Social Security and Alien Registration cards.

The ICE investigation revealed that Marquez had numerous convictions as an aggravated felon to include: home invasion, aggravated assault, armed robbery, escaping from prison, and various drug possession charges. He was additionally wanted in California for parole violations. The investigation also revealed that Marquez had used as many as 10 different aliases with five separate dates of birth.

“An identification document is often the key to establishing a fictitious identity in order to obtain benefits, and to facilitate criminal or terrorist activity,” said Brian M. Moskowitz, special agent in charge of the ICE Detroit Office of Investigations. “ICE will diligently pursue anyone who produces or sells fraudulent identification documents, and — with the assistance of the U.S. Attorney's Office — prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law.”

“This case exemplifies our commitment to aggressively pursue criminals who steal identities, manufacture identity documents to match, and sell stolen or manufactured identities to anyone willing to pay. This type of fraud wrecks havoc with individual victims and jeopardizes the security of our country,” said William J. Cotter, special agent in charge of the SSA, OIG in Chicago. “We are proud to partner with ICE to combat such criminal behavior, and we are pleased with the result of this investigation.”

Molina-Marquez will serve his 9½-year sentence, and then be removed to Mexico. Re-entry into the United States after having been previously deported is a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

U.S. District Court Judge John Corbett O’Meara presided over the sentencing. Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter E. Deegan Jr., Eastern District of Michigan, prosecuted the case.

# ICE #

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